

I was recently with President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama when the President signed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act into law at a Washington, DC elementary school.

I had separately introduced legislation to expand access to school breakfast and afterschool meals for low-income children. I'm so pleased that these crucial provisions from my legislation became law in this legislation.

Provisions championed by Moore included in the legislation, include:

- A grant program to help schools expand or start school breakfast programs. And these grants are targeted to schools where the most students qualify for free or reduced priced meals.
- Allowing after school programs in every state to use existing funding to serve afterschool meals and snacks.

Recently, the USDA reported that nearly 1 million American children don't know when they'll have their next meal. This is a crisis, and it's not getting better. By helping schools offer more meals to students in need, either in the morning or after school, we confront this crisis head on. And even beyond that, we help improve chances for our kids to do better in school because we know that when children go to school hungry, it's harder for them to succeed.

This much needed legislation has dual goals. It's designed to help end childhood hunger and also curb childhood obesity.